

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claim 7 has been cancelled. Claims 2-6, 8-9, 11, 26-28, 32-39, and 44-51 are in the case. Claims 2-6, 8-9, 11 and 26-28 are allowed. Claims 32-39 stand rejected. Claims 44-51 are new.

Allowed claims 2-9, 11, 26-28

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 2-6, 8-9, 11, 26-28.

Claim Amendments

The applicant has amended claim 32, and has added new claims 44-51. Support for the amendments to claim 32 can be found in FIG. 2B and in portions of the specification relative thereto. Support for claims 44-51 can be found in specification at the bottom of page 9, and in other passages throughout the specification.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 32-39 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Kwon et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,796,133. Applicants respectfully traverse. The examiner has indicated the applicants' previously presented arguments have been considered, but have been rendered moot under this new ground of rejection.

As to claim 32, claim 32 has been amended to recite, among other things, "... a first spacer surface that is substantially in a same plane as the second electrode surface and a second spacer surface that slopes from the second electrode surface to the support surface..." Underline added. Applicants respectfully submit that such features are not taught or suggested by Kwon. Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Claims 33-39 directly or indirectly, depend from claim 32 correspondingly incorporating its limitations. Therefore, these claims are patentable for at least the same reasons. Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

New Claims

New claims 44-51 are presented for consideration. In their present form they are believed to be in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully requested.


Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-6, 8-9, 11, 26-28 and 32-39 and 44- 51 are in condition for allowance. Thus, early issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if there are any remaining questions of patentability, and a telephone interview would be helpful in resolving these questions.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted,
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